countries, operation of the international monetary system, the funding of international financial institutions and the situation in Africa. They also recognized the interdependence of the industrialized and the developing countries and reaffirmed their willingness to conduct their relations with developing countries in a spirit of goodwill and cooperation.

The CMEA Summit issued a "Statement on the Main Directions of Further Developing and Deepening the Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation of CMEA Member States" and a 'Declaration of the Member-countries of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance: Maintenance of peace and International Economic Cooperation". The CMEA Summit had as a focus of attention means to strengthen the mutual economic relations of the CMEA countries and strengthen further socialist economic integration. It also dealt with relations with developing countries. The CMEA Declaration called attention to the dire situation of the developing countries and reaffirmed the firm intention of CMEA countries to develop fruitful trade, economic, scientific and technical contacts with developing countries and to do what they can to render economic and technical assistance to states which have won freedom and independence. The CMEA Declaration also supported the efforts of developing countries to restructure international economic relations and to bring in a new International economic order.

India and the nonaligned and other developing countries have always supported the objective of strengthening cooperation between the developed and developing countries. This objective has been endorsed by both the summits; what is required is the elaboration of concrete measures to deal with the problems of developing countries. It must, however, be borne in mind that exchanges between the developing countries, individually and collectively, are different as between them and the Industrialised on the one hand, and the Socialist countries on the other.

Defection of IFS official at Osla ..

1066. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:
SHRI BHIM RAJ:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian diplomat belonging to the Indian Foreign Service posted at Oslo has defected;

(b) whether Government have now dismissed him from service;

(c) whether Government have sought his extradition from Norway; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Normalisation in Persian Gulf Region

†††††1067. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what fresh initiative has been taken by India as the Chair person of the Non-Aligned Movement to bring about normalisation in the Persian Gulf region; and

(b) whether any initiative has been taken by the Government of India outside the context of the Non-Aligned Movement in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) The Prime Minister as Chairperson of the Non-aligned Movement has been in touch with the Presidents of Iran and Iraq, and

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several other Heads of States and Government, Prime Minister's Special Envoys and other high dignitaries have held discussions in various Capitals of the world. However, the divergence in the attitude of the two bellingerents remains wide and there is yet no consensus concerning the steps to be taken to put an end to the conflict.

(b) Government of India have repeatedly stated they want to see an end to this unfortunate conflict which has caused tremendous loss of human life and property. There have been continuous exchanges of views with other interested Governments in an effort to find a basis for an amicable settlement to the conflict.

Pakistan Foreign Minister's visit to New Delhi

***1068. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Foreign Minister of Pakistan visited New Delhi on the 9th July, 1984; and

(b) if so, what issues were discussed with him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) and (b) The Foreign Minister of Pakistan arrived at Palam airport at 8.30 a.m. on the 9th July to proceed half-an-hour later to Male with our Foreign Minister in the latter's special flight. The consultations during the flight were informal and of a general nature and covered several aspects of Indo-Pakistan relations.

Security preparations by Sri Lanka

@@1069. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI T. THANGABALU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the proposed military purchases as also invitation to the Israeli intelligence Agency, the dreaded MOSSAD by the Sri Lankan Government to prepare a security master plan for the region as a whole, the stationing of the SAS, the crack British unit to train forces for sombat; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHMAN): (a) Government are aware that Sri Lanka has sought the services of security and intelligence experts from Britain and Israel.

(b) Government of India have consistently opposed foreign military presence in the South Asian region. They view with concern the induction of foreign security and intellegence personnel in an area so close to our shores. Government are of the view that the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka should and can be resolved through a political dialogue.

Issurance of passports to Haji Mastan and Sukur Narain Bakhia

@@@1070. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given clearance for issuing passports to Haji Mastan and Sukur Narain Bakhia for going abroad;

(b) whether it is a fact that their passports had been impounded due to number of smuggling charges against them; and

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